



**Operator Certification (FTC) for Writing  
Nursery Nutrient Management Plans  
October 18, 2016  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Central Maryland Research and Education  
Center  
11975-A Homewood Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042**



Nursery Operator Certification (FTC) for writing nursery nutrient management plans will be offered to growers who are interested in attaining Farmer Training Certification for writing nutrient management plans. This training program will assist you in writing a nutrient management plan for your nursery or greenhouse operation. You must write a nursery nutrient management plan if you use fertilizers and you gross \$2,500 or more per year in sales. With this certification, you will be able to sign-off and submit your own plan and annual implementation reports.

Each program consists of a Training Day and an Exam/Signoff Day. The training day will consist of learning the plan-writing process. After the training day you will have about 4 weeks, during which time you will study the Nursery Nutrient Management Training Manual and develop your plan. The exam/signoff day will be for taking the exam and going over your newly developed plan (or renewing your old plan). Nutrient Management Consultants interested in learning nursery plan writing can attend and receive 6 CEUs. Space is limited and will be reserved for growers who need operator's certification first.

The process is relatively simple for small (or low-risk) operations, so if your operation size is less than 5 acres, we would strongly encourage you to think about becoming a certified operator. If your operation is larger than 5 acres, we would still encourage you to become a certified operator, even though the nutrient management process may be a little more complicated.

The training day of the program will be October 18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Central Maryland Research and Education Center (address above) lunch will be provided.

The exam/signoff day location will announce at the training day program. The cost for the exam is \$20.00; please complete the registration form below. If you have any other questions please call the office at 410-841-5959.

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**Please register me for nursery/greenhouse exam.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special accommodations needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Submit a separate form for each person. Make check payable to *Maryland Department of Agriculture*.

Mail completed form and payment to: Nutrient Management Program, Maryland Department of Agriculture, 50 Harry S Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, Maryland 21401